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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

8 IN THE MATTER OF THE
 9 APPLICATION OF ARIZONA-
 10 AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, AN
 11 ARIZONA CORPORATION, FOR A
 12 DETERMINATION OF THE CURRENT
 13 FAIR VALUE OF ITS UTILITY PLANT
 14 AND PROPERTY AND FOR
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(CONSOLIDATED)

**ARIZONA-AMERICAN WATER
 COMPANY'S NOTICE OF FILING
 COMPLIANCE STATUS LETTER**

Arizona Corporation Commission
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MAR 25 2004

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18 WATER DISTRICT.

14 Arizona-American Water Company hereby gives notice that it has filed in the
15 above-consolidated proceeding a copy of a letter dated March 25, 2004, to Commissioner
16 William A. Mundell regarding an incident that occurred in February 2004 relating to
17 Arizona-American's Havasu water district. A true copy of this letter is attached to this
18 notice. A copy of Arizona-American's letter to Commissioner Mundell is being filed in
19 this docket because it directly responds to a letter that Commissioner Mundell filed in the
20 docket on March 3, 2004. Although the letter is self-explanatory, Arizona-American
21 wishes to emphasize that it is in compliance with all safe drinking water standards and
22 requirements.

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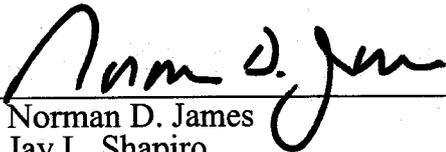
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DATED this 25th day of March, 2004.

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By 
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Company

ORIGINAL and 21 copies
of the foregoing were
delivered this 25th day
of March, 2004, to:

Docket Control
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ 85007

COPY of the foregoing was
delivered this 25th day of
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Chairman Marc Spitzer
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1 And a copy mailed this 25th
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March 25, 2004

Re: Desert Hills Water Quality

Dear Commissioner Mundell:

I am very pleased to inform you that mid-March samples determined that nitrate levels in our Desert Hills service area have decreased to 8.3 mg/l and are now in compliance with the maximum contaminate level (MCL) of 10 mg/l for nitrates. Since mid-February, Arizona-American has continued to test the Desert Hills service area wells every two weeks. The reduced nitrate level has been confirmed by nine (9) samples on three (3) separate sampling events. In coordination with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, customers are now being informed about the recent nitrate level declines and that their water meets all drinking water standards.

With this change in status for the Desert Hills system, Arizona-American is again in full compliance with water quality regulations in all of its systems throughout the State of Arizona.

As previously communicated, we take our obligation to provide drinking water meeting all regulatory requirements to our customers very seriously. Throughout this unexpected and unavoidable situation, Arizona-American has endeavored to provide open and honest communication to our customers, the Department of Environmental Quality and the Arizona Corporation Commission. We hope we have met your expectation in this regard.

While it appears that seasonal variation in water quality has quickly resolved this incident, we are committed to insuring that this situation is not repeated in the future. We are continuing, in an expedited manner, to implement our previously communicated plan to supplement the water supply in Desert Hills. We will continue to accelerate the addition of a new well and booster station and construction of 1,000 feet of 10-inch diameter interconnection pipeline. Once the pipeline connects the new well and booster station to the portion of the Desert Hills system that experienced high nitrates, we will be able to provide water meeting all regulatory requirements even if nitrates in the existing wells again increase above the MCL of 10 mg/l.

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If you have any questions about our water service in Desert Hills or any other area,
please call me directly at (623) 445-2411.

Sincerely,



Ray L. Jones
President